



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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**District Meeting – January 13, 2011
7:00 PM - Mustang Library
10101 North 90th Street (south of the Hospital)**

The Three announced candidates for Arizona Republican Party Chairman will speak at our District meeting. It will be interesting and informative especially to those one hundred newly State Committeemen from District 8.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

As I have mentioned to many of you over the past few months, the journey to take back our country has only just begun. The mid-term sweep last November was the opening salvo in a long and still difficult war to win back the White House in 2012, along with electing great Republicans to office across our local, state and federal levels.

To that end, it is imperative that we take the time to organize and effectively prepare ourselves in LD8 to get the job done. Your new board has met on numerous occasions to develop strategies to make LD8 successful including recruiting PC's, training new PC's and helping all of us be as effective as possible.

I hope you will join us at our first meeting of the New Year, on January 13 at the Mustang Library at 7pm, where we will begin this process by discussing some of the fundamentals, explaining the state party system and understanding where we are in our PC recruitment. Most importantly, we have numerous committees that need your participation and you will have the opportunity to sign up so come prepared to take an active role in shaping your party and the future of our state and country.

In addition, while our County Republican Party Officers will have already been selected by January 13, our State Republican Party Officer candidates will still be campaigning. You will have the opportunity to hear from

the candidates for State Chairman yourselves as Boe James, our 2nd Vice Chairman, has done a wonderful job in lining up these candidates to speak directly to you. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to form your own opinions for a very important role in our party. Please come prepared to first listen and then ask the key and fair-minded questions that will allow us to understand what we need to know about these candidates.

I hope that you are all as excited as I am to move this party forward in a productive way. Please help us do that by coming to the monthly meetings, but also by reaching out to new PC's and other Republicans and inviting them to come as well. In fact, let's politely drag them to our meetings. I think they will find them highly productive, informative and hopefully inspiring.

Finally, I ask each and every one of you to seriously consider joining a committee to play an integral role in the success of our party. Let's not just come together once a month to bemoan the state of our union. Please do something about it. Get involved. Join a committee.

I look forward to seeing you all on January 13th.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

Now that 2011 is here, we can start working on filling the vacancies in our precincts and electing our precinct captains. In December I contacted one person from each precinct that had precinct committeemen to elect a captain. The captain is a point of contact person for the precinct and is an important component in making our District a vital force in electing Republicans. We hope to have captains for each precinct by January 13th. After the 13th I will be contacting the precincts who still don't have captains and helping us to reach 100%. A common theme for the next two years will be working toward regaining control of the White House and one of the ways that we can do this is by having strong legislative districts. When the election cycle begins for 2012 we want to be ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

We are putting tools on the District 8 website to help all of us grow the District. Go to the website: <http://d8azgop.org/> and click on Forms. Go to Precinct Quotas and Openings. Once there you can check your precinct and see if there are any openings for your friends and neighbors to be PC's in your precinct. If there is an opening and you have an individual who is interested, download the PC Appointment Form. Fill it out and send it to me. My address is: 9822 N. 77th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85258 or you can scan the form and send it to: barbmcmullen@cox.net or fax to 480-948-0673. If you are moving within the District, let me know and we can see whether there are any openings and you can be appointed in your new precinct. Utilize the PC Resignation Form to let me know. We will need to re-register you to vote as soon as possible.

I will be submitting the following applications to be appointed as PC's once the application process is opened by the Maricopa County Republican Party. Please welcome them if you meet them at our next meeting.

Cascade: Nancy Pryor
Fountain Hills 6: Marty Jessen and Georgia Jessen
Granite Mountain: James Gray
Mirada: Tim Stratton and Judy Keane
Santo: David Leeper
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Stonegate: Carole Klein

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

Thank you District 8 Precinct Committeemen and Women for electing me as 2nd Vice Chair at the recent Organizational meeting. I am proud to join the leadership team of Barb McMullen, Doug Little and Joan Parker, led by Jim Ward.

My goal is to work closely with Jim Ward and the other officers to have a program of interesting and relevant speakers for each month's meeting. If you have suggestions for programs, please let me or/and Jim know of them. We will take all suggestions into consideration. You can contact me by e-mail at either FHRepublican@yahoo.com or ro_james@yahoo.com. Alternately, you can call me at 480 588-7612.

For the January 13th meeting, we have invited all the announced candidates for Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party. One of these four candidates (Bruce Ashe, Ron Charmichael and Marty Hermanson) will replace Randy Pullen as Chairman. One of the primary duties of the recently elected State Committeemen is to vote by proxy or in person to elect the officers of the state party. Attendance at the January 13th meeting should help you decide who is best for the future of our party. Please come to the meeting with an open mind and ready to listen and then to ask questions. Bruce Ashe, our state's National Committeeman will be unable to attend because of a Republican National Committee meeting where, as our state's National Committeeman, among other things, he will be voting for the national Republican Party Chairman. The other 3 candidates have agreed to participate in our forum.

We look forward to seeing you there as it will be an interesting meeting. Your participation is most important.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

Greetings to all Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen in Legislative District 8. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as your Secretary for the coming term. As Secretary, I will be doing everything possible to engender and improve the communications between the Executive Board and the Membership of the District. In addition, I want to insure that everyone has the opportunity to provide input into the communications process and how it can be improved. Call me at 480-686-5387 or drop me an email at doug@douglittle.com with your suggestions, as I am very interested in hearing from you. I will also be working closely with Judy Eisenhower who has very graciously agreed to continue producing the newsletter and James Nachbar who has done such an outstanding job on the LD 8 website. You can count on us all to give you quality information in a timely manner.

Legislative District 8 Republican Committee 2010 Organizational Meeting Minutes November 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chairman James Burke at the Scottsdale Bible Church Chapel, 7901 E. Shea Blvd. Scottsdale. Chaplain C.T. Wright gave the prayer and led us in the pledge.

Randy Pullen, AZGOP State Party Chairman spoke of all the work done by the Party the last four years and the gains made by Republicans.

Secretary Barb McMullen explained the voting procedures and how the Bubble scanning system worked. Because of the length of time to process credentials and the fact that some precinct committeemen couldn't stay, County Recorder Helen Purcell advised that departing PC's be allowed to hand over their ballots and credential ID card that showed the number of authorized votes and allow another PC to cast the departing PC's vote.

Susan Wheeler Moved that that departing PC's be allowed to hand over their ballots and credential ID card that showed the number of authorized votes and allow another PC to cast the departing PC's vote. Second - Lisa James: **Motion passed.**

Credential Committee Report; Judy Eisenhower

150 precinct committeemen present in person and 79 precinct committeemen present by proxy for a total of 229. Amended Report: 142 precinct Committeemen present in person and 79 precinct committeemen present by proxy for a total of 221.

Election of Officers

Donna Reagan, member of the Nominating Committee read the recommendations of the nominating committee: Chairman, Jim Ward; 1st Vice-Chair, Barb McMullen; 2nd Vice-Chair, Boe James; Secretary, Doug Little; and Treasurer Joan Parker.

Chairman Burke explained to the membership that Shawn Dow, candidate for District Chair had decided not to run.

Chairman, Jim Ward: There were no nominations from the floor. Chairman Burke requested that a motion be made to close nominations for District Chairman. Rob Perelka moved - Larry Hagan seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** Chairman Burke entertained the motion that Jim Ward be elected Chairman by acclamation: Rob Perelka moved and Larry Hagan seconded. **Motion passed.** Jim Ward elected as District 8 Chairman.

First Vice-Chairman: Barb McMullen: There were no nominations from the floor. Chairman Burke requested that a motion be made to close nominations for 1st Vice- Chairman. Jim Horton moved - Larry Hagan seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** Chairman Burke entertained the motion that Barb McMullen be elected 1st Vice-Chairman by acclamation: Jim Horton moved-Larry Hagan seconded. **Motion passed.** Barb McMullen elected as District 8 First Vice-Chairman.

Second Vice-Chairman: Boe James: There were no nominations from the floor. Chairman Burke requested that a motion be made to close nominations for 2nd Vice- Chairman. Jim Horton moved - Larry Hagan seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** Chairman Burke entertained the motion that Boe James be elected 2nd Vice- Chairman by acclamation: Harold Denomme moved and C.T. Wright seconded. **Motion passed.** Boe James elected as District 8 Second Vice-Chairman

Secretary, Doug Little: There were no nominations from the floor. Chairman Burke requested that a motion be made to close nominations for Secretary. Kathy Littlefield moved – Harold Denomme seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** Chairman Burke entertained the motion that Doug Little be elected Secretary by acclamation:

Rob Perelka moved and Harold Denomme seconded. **Motion passed.** Doug Little elected as District 8 Secretary.

Treasurer, Joan Parker: There were no nominations from the floor. Chairman Burke requested that a motion be made to close nominations for Treasurer. Rob Perelka moved – Kathy Littlefield seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** Chairman Burke entertained the motion that Joan Parker be elected Treasurer by acclamation: Leona Johnston moved and Jim Horton seconded. **Motion passed.** Joan Parker elected as District 8 Treasurer.

The 2011-2012 District 8 Officers are: Jim Ward, Chairman; Barb McMullen, 1st Vice-Chairman; Boe James, 2nd Vice-Chairman; Doug Little, Secretary; and Joan Parker, Treasurer.

Election of State Committeemen

Nominations from the floor: Ron McCullagh, Paula Pennypacker, Frank Parker, John Kavanagh, Linda Kapfer, Virginia Rae Long, and Barry Spiker. Colette Rosati stated to the membership that she, her husband Nick and son Nick hope to have a new home outside of District 8 by January and have therefore decided not to run for State Committeemen.

While the membership voted, the incoming officers, the newly elected officials who spoke were: Scottsdale City Council, Bob Littlefield and Linda Milhaven; CAP, Mark Lewis; Arizona Legislature, Representative Michelle Ugenti; and Justice of the Peace, Michael Reagan. Bret Mecum, AZGOP said that the Democrats lost 20,000 voters. The number of precinct committeeman increased from 3200 elected in 2009 to 4200 elected for 2011. In addition counties that were previously won by Democrats have been won by Republicans. Now is the time to get involved in the process of redistricting Congressional District.

Incoming Chairman Jim Ward welcomed the newly elected precinct committeemen to District 8.

The membership then voted. Results attached and distributed via District 8 website. There was a 3-way tie for the 100th State Committeeman. The candidates who tied were Tim Klapp, Vickie Overby and April Sessner. As per District Bylaws the tie will be determined by a drawing of cards with the person drawing the lowest number card, the winner. This will be done on Monday and an addendum will be added to the minutes declaring the winner.

Judge Michael Reagan swore in the Incoming Officers before the membership.

Meeting adjourned 1:10 pm, Barb McMullen, Secretary

Addendum: Selection of 100th State Committeeman: Tim Klapp decided not to be considered. April Sessner and Vickie Overby drew cards and April Sessner was declared the winner of the 100th State Committeeman slot. Vickie will be the first to fill a vacancy if one occurs.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

We are starting a new year for our Legislative District 8 and your Board has every intention to make it educational, productive and interesting. As your Treasurer, I need to remind you that donations are now due for 2011. As a PC you are asked to donate \$30 each year (\$50 if both husband and wife are PC's). I have already received quite a few donations and thank you for being so prompt.

If anyone needs to be reimbursed for an expense, I have reimbursement forms that will need to be completed and given to me, along with the backup receipts. This will make it easier for the treasurer and the year end examiners.

The year-end financial reports have been completed and will be available at the January meeting.

STATE REPORT – VACANT

This position will be filled shortly. There are three running for State Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party to be voted on January 22nd. They are: Chairman, **Bruce Ash**, Pima County, **Ron Carmichael**, Maricopa County and **Marty Hermanson**, Pinal County; Secretary, **Linda White**, Pima County; Treasurer, **David Johnson**, Maricopa County and **Timothy Lee**, Pima County. Those 100 District 8 committeemen elected in November as State Committeemen will be voting for these positions. The Chairman candidates will be attending our January 13th meeting, so please be there in order to be informed as to which person you would like to have as your Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party. If you cannot attend the 22nd meeting, please let me know in order to carry your proxy. We need 100% there, so let me know.

Mike Blaire and **Judy Eisenhower** are candidates for the three vacancies for Members At Large, so be sure and remember to vote for your District 8 Precinct Committeemen. It is also highly recommended that we vote for **Craig St. John** of District 17 for the third spot.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES

The Fountain Hills Republican Club congratulates all the newly elected State Committeemen. We are happy and proud that 25 PC's from Fountain Hills were elected as State Committeemen. At least an additional 4 State Committeemen are Fountain Hills Republican Club members but residents of Scottsdale.

On November 11th, many FHRC members commemorated Veterans Day at the Fountain Hills Veterans Memorial on a beautiful sunny day. Representative John Kavanagh was the keynote speaker and gave an inspirational speech..

The club's November 20th meeting was the same day and time as the LD 8 Organizational Meeting, so many FHRC members had to miss the meeting. Never-the-less, the meeting was well attended and Matt Roberts, AZ GOP Communications Director, gave an interesting and educational presentation. Sheriff Joe and Representative John Kavanagh also gave well received and entertaining presentations. The Club's December 18th meeting was a special holiday presentation and song fest led by Town Council member Cassie Hansen. Everyone had a joyous time.

Our next FHRC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd and will feature Shane F. Krauser a renown speaker, Constitutional Law professor and fire arms expert. More information about him can be

found at <http://kforcevanguard.com/speaking.html>. After visiting the website, you will want to attend this meeting unless you are a State Committeeman and attending the state's Mandatory Meeting.

All Fountain Hills Republican Club meetings are open to all LD - 8 PC's, prospective PC's, their guests, and all other Republicans. FHRC meetings are an excellent way to meet and greet elected officials, to hear more about the issues facing our state, and to learn about other political matters. They are also a great way to network with fellow Republicans in a social setting. All are welcome.

The FHRC normally meets the third Saturday of each month (the 4th Saturday in January and March) at 9 a.m. in the FH Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Anyone desiring more information may visit the club's website at <http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org>, or contact Boe James, club president at FHRepublican@yahoo.com or 480 588-7612.

Facebook users can also visit the club's Facebook page Fountain Hills Republican Club at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=373474498622>. Twitter users can follow FHRepublican at <http://twitter.com/FHRepublican>.

County Meeting Information

On the 8th of January Precinct Committeemen and Women from District 8 will be voting on the following: Chairman, **Bill Cheatham, Rob Haney**; First Vice Chair, **Diane Ortiz Parsons**; Secretary, **Patricia Oldroyd**; Treasurer, **Gene Duefoe and David Ludwig**.

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